

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

### Refuse Collection

Refuse collection is provided by the City of Thomasville to all of its residents and commercial establishments. Refuse is collected in residential areas twice a week and in the downtown area collections are made daily. Outlying business areas receive service according to the residential schedule. At the present time industry is taking care of its own refuse by bringing it to the City's landfill site. A few industries have requested the City to pick up their refuse. If the City were to give all industries this service the budget would have to be increased some \$40,000 for additional men and equipment.

Outside the corporate limits of Thomasville, refuse is collected by private firms operating out of Lexington.

The equipment used in refuse collection is both old and new. The model of the trucks date between 1958 and 1962. The Department has enough equipment to handle the present level of service, but it is evident that the old equipment needs replacing.

### Refuse Disposal

The City disposes of its refuse by the sanitary landfill method which consists of dumping the refuse in a landfill area, spreading and compacting it, and then covering it with a layer of dirt every day. Layer is piled upon layer until the landfill is brought up to the level of surrounding land -- thus making it a usable area.

The sanitary landfill is located north of Interstate 85 on North Carolina Highway 109. The site was established about three years ago and consists of about 100 acres with deep ravines. It has been estimated that approximately 450 cubic yards per day of refuse are disposed at the site. It has also been estimated by engineers that at this rate the site should be adequate for fifteen to twenty years.